

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Canceled)

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Canceled)

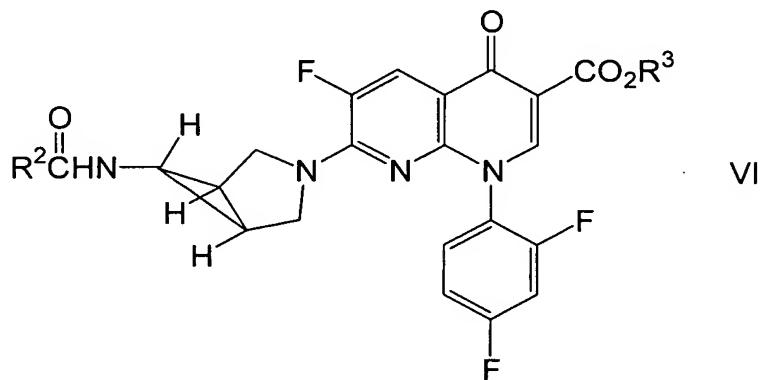
Claim 4 (Canceled)

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Claim 6 (Canceled)

Claim 7 (Canceled)

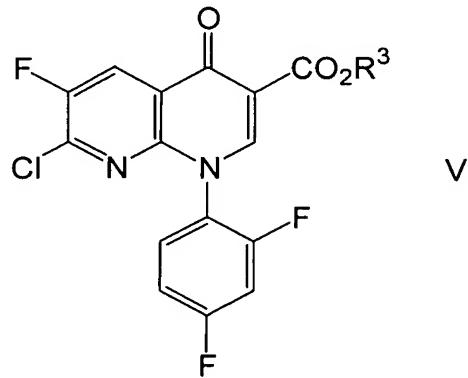
Claim 8 (previously presented). A process for the preparation of a compound of the formula



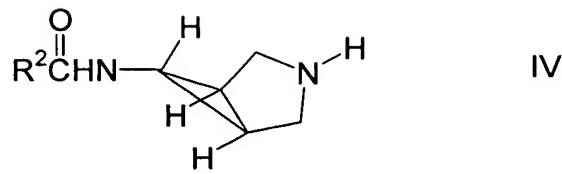
wherein R² is C₁-C₆ alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or phenyl which may be substituted by one or more of C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino or trifluoromethyl, and

R³ is C₁-C₆ alkyl,

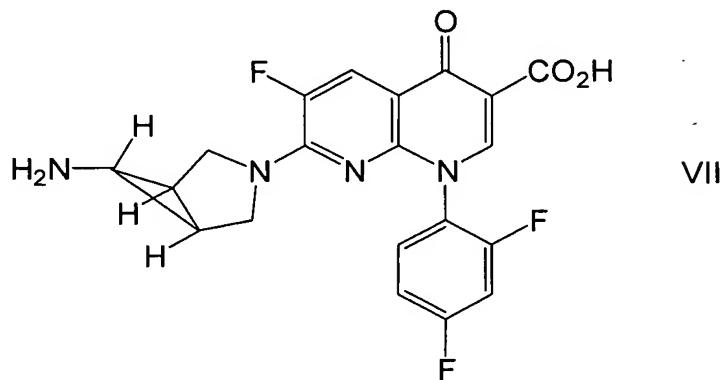
which comprises reacting a compound of the formula



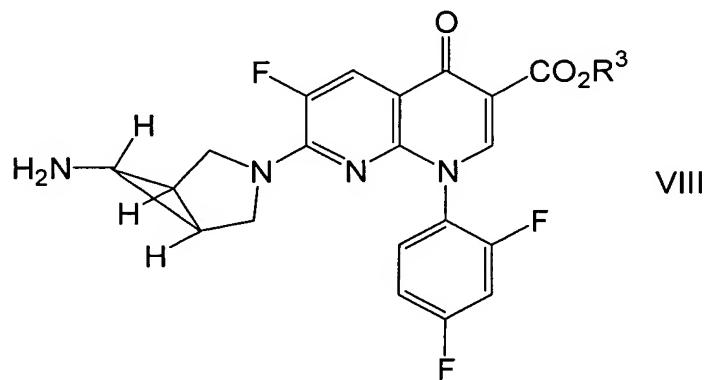
with a compound of the formula



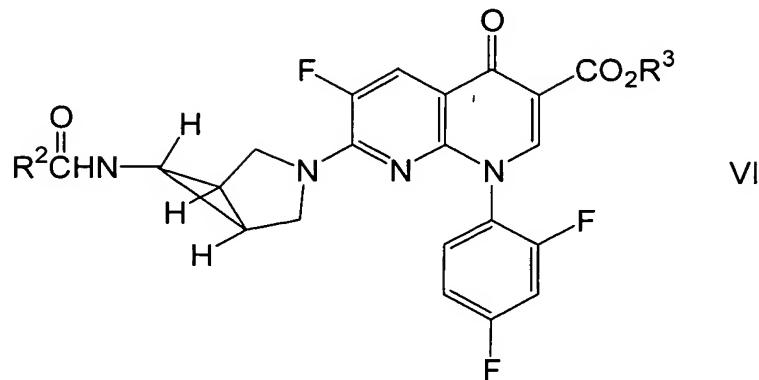
Claim 9 (previously presented). A process comprising hydrolysis of the compound of formula VI with methanesulfonic acid, water and an organic solvent to form a monomethanesulfonic acid salt of a compound of the formula



Claim 10 (previously presented). A process comprising hydrolysis of the compound of formula VI with methanesulfonic acid and R^3OH wherein R^3 is C₁-C₆ alkyl to form a monomethanesulfonic acid salt of a compound of the formula



Claim 11 (original). A compound of the formula



VI

wherein

R² is C₁-C₆ alkyl, trifluoromethyl, or phenyl which may be substituted by one or more of C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, halo, nitro, amino or trifluoromethyl, and R³ is C₁-C₆ alkyl.

Claim 12 (Canceled)

CONCLUSION

In view of the present Response, entry of the resubmitted "Amendments to the claims" section and further and favorable examination of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee, other than the one-month extension of time fee, is required for the consideration of this Response. However, if any additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

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